

# Surface/Lagrangian drifters

- 1 Contribute to mapping large scale  
 $\langle U.S \rangle$  (and  $\langle U' S' \rangle$  with  $U$  15m current)
- 2 Contribute to sub-meso scale process studies (during cruise time) (evolution of variance  $\langle S'^2 \rangle$ , either increase in fronts or dissipation, in relation to  $\langle T'^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle d^2 \rangle$ )
- 3 Lagrangian evolution of Shml (with Eric's floats)

# Questions 1

- How do we do it?

## 1: Deployment strategy for large scale

- Suggestions from drifter data of average westward flux (differences from 15m model data?) (thus emphasis on biasing a little

The deployment strategy to the east)

- Can we get some of that sampling with group deployment (during cruises), combined with some larger scale deployments + SVP drifters (every 1 to three months from VOS)?

# Questions 2

- 2. the sub-meso scales
- Choosing or not structures? (growing/ decreasing surface fronts, areas of large spatial variance...);  
(and how do we identify the structures in real time)
- How many drifters in each group?
- How to combine optimally the ship-based measurements + drifter/Lagrangian